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Dear Mr. Naventi:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – SUSPENSION OF AUTHORIZATION BASIS
AMENDMENT REQUEST (ABAR) 24590-WTP-ABAR-ENS-03-002, REVISION 0, SEISMIC
DESIGN OF PIPING REVIEW

Reference: BNI letter from R. F. Naventi to R. J. Schepens, ORP, "Transmittal for Approval –
Authorization Basis Amendment Request 24590-WTP-ABAR-ENS-03-002, Revision 0,
Seismic Design of Piping," CCN 052724, dated March 20, 2003.

This letter notifies Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) that the review of BNI's ABAR for its seismic design of piping (Reference) has been temporarily suspended, pending reevaluation, and possible modification of the request by BNI. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) was advised by BNI on April 10, 2003, that BNI is re-evaluating its technical approaches as described in the ABAR, and is unable to meet with ORP to resolve reviewer questions for approximately two weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may call Walter J. Pasciak, WTP Safety Regulation Division, (509) 373-9189.

Sincerely,

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